

Department of Religious Studies

Students must complete the following courses for the minor in Religious Studies: **18** credits from the following list, including **1000** and **1006**, and **(2000-3000)** and **(4000)** courses. **(1000)** and **(2000-3000)** courses are required for all students. **(4000)** courses are required for students who are also completing the major in Religious Studies.

Minor in Religious Studies

Students must complete the following courses for the minor in Religious Studies: **18** credits from the following list, including **1000** and **1006**, and **(2000-3000)** and **(4000)** courses. **(1000)** and **(2000-3000)** courses are required for all students. **(4000)** courses are required for students who are also completing the major in Religious Studies.

and one of the following from the Tools Courses:

- **2243** Introduction to the Bible
- **2313** Introduction to the History of Christianity
- **2333** Introduction to the History of Islam
- **2353** Introduction to the History of Judaism
- **2413** Introduction to the History of Hinduism

Major in Religious Studies

Students must complete the following courses for the major in Religious Studies: **36** credits from the following list, including **1000** and **1006**, and **(2000-3000)** and **(4000)** courses. **(1000)** and **(2000-3000)** courses are required for all students. **(4000)** courses are required for students who are also completing the minor in Religious Studies.

and one of the following from the Tools Courses:

- **2243** Introduction to the Bible
- **2313** Introduction to the History of Christianity
- **2333** Introduction to the History of Islam
- **2353** Introduction to the History of Judaism

as well as:

- **2413** Introduction to the History of Hinduism
- **4023** Introduction to the History of Buddhism

Honours in Religious Studies

Students must complete the following courses for the honours program in Religious Studies: **54** credits from the following list, including **1000** and **1006**, and **12** credits from the following list, including **4000-** courses.

12 1006 *Introduction to Psychology* (3.00)

and one of the following from the Tools Courses:

- 12 2243 *Statistics for Psychology* (3.00)
- 12 2313 *Research Methods in Psychology* (3.00)
- 12 2333 *Psychological Research Methods* (3.00)
- 12 2353 *Psychological Research Methods* (3.00)

as well as

12 2413 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)

as well as one of the following Research Methodology Courses:

- 12 2003 *Research Methods in Psychology* (3.00)
- 12 2013 *Research Methods in Psychology* (3.00)
- 12 3053 *Research Methods in Psychology* (3.00)

as well as one of the following from the Multidisciplinary Courses:

- 12 2223 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)
- 12 2543 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)
- 12 3423 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)
- 12 3643 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)

In addition, the Honours degree requires

12 4023 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)

and

12 4033 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)

and

12 4066 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)

For students who are not required to take 12 4023, 12 4033, or 12 4066, the Honours degree requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 (+) in the Psychology courses required for the Honours degree.

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12 4023 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00), 12 4033 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00), or 12 4066 *Psychology of Learning* (3.00)

For students who are not required to take 12 4023, 12 4033, or 12 4066, the Honours degree requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 (+) in the Psychology courses required for the Honours degree.

Introductory Course

RELG-1006. Introduction to Religious Studies

This course provides an overview of the major world religions and their historical and cultural contexts. It explores the foundational texts, beliefs, and practices of these religions, as well as the role of religion in society and the human experience. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the study of religion and to prepare them for more advanced coursework in the field.

Intermediate and Advanced Courses

1. Multi-Religious Courses

RELG-2193. New Religious Movements: Cults in the New Age

This course explores the emergence and development of new religious movements (NRMs) and cults in the New Age movement. It examines the social, cultural, and psychological factors that contribute to the formation of these groups, as well as the role of charismatic leaders and the use of ritual and symbolism. The course also discusses the challenges and controversies surrounding NRMs, including allegations of abuse and exploitation.

RELG-2233. Women and Religion

This course explores the role of women in various religious traditions and the impact of gender on religious practice and belief. It examines the historical and contemporary perspectives on women's participation in religious life, including their roles as worshippers, leaders, and scholars. The course also discusses the challenges and opportunities for women in religion, such as the issue of ordination and the representation of women in religious texts and art.

RELG-2273. Death and Dying

This course explores the cultural, religious, and philosophical perspectives on death and dying. It examines the role of religion in shaping attitudes towards death, including the concepts of heaven, hell, and reincarnation. The course also discusses the challenges and controversies surrounding end-of-life care, such as euthanasia and organ donation, and the role of religion in providing comfort and meaning to those who are dying.

RELG-2283. Religion and Art

This course explores the relationship between religion and art, examining the role of art in religious practice and the impact of religion on the development of art. It examines the historical and contemporary perspectives on religious art, including the use of icons, murals, and sculpture. The course also discusses the challenges and opportunities for religious art in the modern world, such as the issue of religious freedom and the representation of religion in public spaces.

RELG-2293. Religion and Sexuality

This course explores the relationship between religion and sexuality, examining the role of religion in shaping attitudes towards sex and gender. It examines the historical and contemporary perspectives on religious views on sexuality, including the issue of homosexuality and the role of religion in providing guidance and support. The course also discusses the challenges and opportunities for religious communities in addressing the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals.

RELG-2683. Special Topics

This course explores special topics in the field of religion, including the role of religion in social and political movements, the impact of globalization on religion, and the role of religion in addressing contemporary issues. The course also discusses the challenges and opportunities for religious communities in the modern world.

RELG-3233. LGBTQ2S+ with/out Religion(s)

This course explores the relationship between religion and the LGBTQ2S+ community, examining the role of religion in shaping attitudes towards sexual orientation and gender identity. It examines the historical and contemporary perspectives on religious views on LGBTQ2S+ individuals, including the issue of ordination and the role of religion in providing support and guidance. The course also discusses the challenges and opportunities for religious communities in addressing the needs of LGBTQ2S+ individuals.

RELG-3513. Bioethics

This course explores the ethical issues surrounding modern biotechnology, including the use of genetic engineering, stem cell research, and human cloning. It examines the role of religion in shaping attitudes towards these technologies and the impact of religion on the development of bioethics. The course also discusses the challenges and opportunities for religious communities in addressing the ethical issues surrounding biotechnology.

RELG-3573. Religion and Social Ethics

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RELG-3453. Religious Traditions of India I

This course provides an overview of the religious traditions of India, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. It explores the historical and cultural contexts of these religions and their impact on Indian society and the world.

RELG-3473. Native American Religions

This course examines the diverse religious beliefs and practices of Native American peoples. It covers the spiritual worldviews, rituals, and sacred spaces of various tribes, highlighting the unique characteristics of each culture.

RELG-3533. Islam in the West (Art and Architecture in New York City)

This course explores the presence and influence of Islam in the West, with a specific focus on art and architecture in New York City. It examines the historical and contemporary contributions of Muslim communities to the city's cultural landscape.

RELG-3553. Islamic Ethics and Spirituality

This course delves into the ethical and spiritual dimensions of Islam. It discusses the teachings of the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad, focusing on the principles of justice, compassion, and the pursuit of spiritual growth.

RELG-3653. Women and Christianity

This course examines the role of women in Christianity throughout history. It explores the contributions of women to the faith, the challenges they have faced, and the ongoing efforts to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women within the church.

RELG-4173. Independent Study

This course allows students to pursue an independent study project in the field of religious studies. It provides an opportunity for students to explore a specific topic of interest in depth, guided by a faculty advisor.

Specialized Courses

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RELG-2003. Exploring History: Critical Approaches to Historical Methods and Theories (HIST)

This course explores the history of religious studies and the development of critical approaches to historical methods and theories. It examines the role of religion in society and the impact of historical events on religious beliefs and practices. The course covers a wide range of topics, including the history of the Bible, the development of Christianity, and the role of religion in the modern world. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the history of religious studies and to develop their critical thinking and research skills.

SOCI 2013 Research Design & Method (NATI)

This course introduces students to the principles and methods of research design and data collection. It covers a wide range of research methods, including qualitative and quantitative approaches. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in research design and to develop their critical thinking and research skills.

RELG-3053. Qualitative Research Methods (GERO) (HMRT) (SOCI)

This course explores the history and development of qualitative research methods. It examines the role of religion in society and the impact of historical events on religious beliefs and practices. The course covers a wide range of topics, including the history of the Bible, the development of Christianity, and the role of religion in the modern world. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the history of religious studies and to develop their critical thinking and research skills.

3. Multidisciplinary Courses

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RELG-2223. Psychology of Religion (PSYC)

This course explores the psychological aspects of religion, including the role of religion in mental health and the impact of religious beliefs on behavior. The course covers a wide range of topics, including the history of psychology, the development of religious beliefs, and the role of religion in the modern world. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the psychology of religion and to develop their critical thinking and research skills.

RELG-2543. Sociology of Religion (SOCI)

This course explores the sociological aspects of religion, including the role of religion in society and the impact of historical events on religious beliefs and practices. The course covers a wide range of topics, including the history of the Bible, the development of Christianity, and the role of religion in the modern world. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the sociology of religion and to develop their critical thinking and research skills.

RELG 3423. Reason and Religion (PHIL)

This course explores the philosophical aspects of religion, including the role of religion in ethics and the impact of historical events on religious beliefs and practices. The course covers a wide range of topics, including the history of philosophy, the development of religious beliefs, and the role of religion in the modern world. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the philosophy of religion and to develop their critical thinking and research skills.

RELG-3643. Anthropology of Religion (ANTH)

4. Majors and Honours Required Seminars

RELG-4023. Scope and Methods

RELG-4023. Scope and Methods (3 credits) This course is required for students pursuing a major in Religion and Theology. It provides an overview of the scope and methods of the study of religion and theology. The course covers the history of the study of religion and theology, the relationship between religion and culture, and the role of religion in society. It also explores the methods used by scholars in the field, including textual analysis, ethnography, and phenomenology. ()10.02 32 415

